

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Hamann Absent: Two Vacant. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Grundy Center will be holding this regular city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, use the call in or webinar information below. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/587853709>. Can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (669) 224-3412 Access Code: 587-853-709.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interests noted. Motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, October 5, 2020. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on past published minutes. Mike Ammerman and Ashley Heikens commented on a need for more stop signs on 5th - 7th Street from G Avenue to the north side of the City. No further public comments, forum closed at 6:44pm.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-67, a resolution awarding a \$1,235,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bond to Bankers Bank, Madison, Wisconsin with the lowest interest rate of 1.1661%. Other bidders were UMB Bank – 1.1979%; Country Club Bank – 1.3483%; United Bankers Bank – 1.4127%; DA Davidson & Co – 1.4919%; Northland Securities, Inc – 1.6425% and Bernardi Securities – 1.7690%. Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, commented on all the bids and gave recommendation to award to the lowest bidder. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-68, a resolution setting a date of meeting for November 2, 2020 at which it is proposed to approve a development agreement with Terri and Jim Severance, Spartanfreeze, including annual appropriation tax increment payments. Stefl commented that previous rebate payments were also awarded to the same parcel for the Spartan Carwash. Sawyer commented that the previous development agreement had expired and was paid in full. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-69, a resolution to authorize the purchase of 806 L Avenue real estate property. Mayor Kiewiet opened discussion regarding the need to purchase this property and offer to a developer with a development agreement or consider demolishing the house and have an available lot for new construction. Kuester commented on concern with a renovation of the current house with rental properties currently on both sides already. Hamann commented on need to move on it sooner rather later and not incur more costs over the winter. Mayor Kiewiet explained this may be way to start using the LMI funds that we receive on TIF properties. No further discussions, motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-70, a resolution to approve the appointment of Meredith McDonald to a vacant council seat until the next pending City election. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Mayor Kiewiet then swore in Meredith McDonald as a City Council Member, filling the vacant seat created with a resignation by Janetta Miller-Buck.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action to approve to publish for a public hearing for November 2, 2020 on Ordinance 554- an ordinance to create the Hotel Motel Tax. No further discussions, motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action to approve to publish the fiscal year 2020 Annual Financial Report and submit to the State of Iowa by December 1, 2020. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action to publish a public notice to fill a vacant seat for City Council due to Amanda Grineski moving outside of the city limits by appointment on November 2, 2020. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Finance Committee commented on park equipment bids due; health insurance rate increase; BIG Grants; and IMFOA conference this week.

Public Safety Committee commented some burglary cases and extra patrol for 5-7th Streets.

Public Works Committee commented done with flushing hydrants; curbside leaf pickup starts Monday, October 26, 2020.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried three ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk